SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS PROJECT
JUSTICE CENTRE/COURT SITE VISITS *2002-2003*

Focus Group

What are **some of the questions** most often asked at:

- **PRE-FILING STAGE**

Process
How do I start a Small Claims Court action?
How do I fill out forms?
What do I do?
What is the court process?
Do I have to take a witness?
What court do I go to?
Who do I have to serve?
What am I doing here?
Do I need to go to court for a peace bond?
Can I bring the kids with me to court?

Legal Advice
Do I need a lawyer?
Do I have a case?
Do I have to take a witness?
Is this a good case?
What court do I go to?
What is going to happen?
Can I sue this person?
What forms do I need?

Cost
How much will it cost?
How do I waive fees?

Timing
How long will it take?
When will I go to court?

- **FILING STAGE**

Process
What happens in a hearing?
What is the procedure?
How do I fill in the forms?
What if the other person does not show up?
Do Sheriffs serve documents?

How many copies do I need?
How do I serve someone?
How do I waive fees?
What happens next?

Legal Advice What happens in a hearing?
What do I have to file?
How do I get before the court?
How do I fill in the forms?
Can you fill out the forms for me?
What if the other person does not show up?
How do I collect my money?
What happens next?
What is an affidavit?

Timing How long until I get to court?
How long will this take?

- **PRE-TRIAL STAGE**

Process Can I serve time instead of paying a fine?
I've been served, what do I do?
Can I subpoena someone?
Where do I stand, sit?
How do I arrange my trial?
Can I see my file?
Can I speak with the Crown?

Legal Advice How do I get a witness to come to court?
What will happen in court?
What do I say in court?
What do I put in the affidavit?
What plea do I enter? What is the penalty?

Timing How long will court take?

- **TRIAL STAGE**

Process Where do I sit?
How do I ask for an adjournment?
What do I call the judge?

Legal Advice What is the sentence for this charge?
What do I do, say in court?

Should I take the stand?
Did I ask the right questions?

- **POST-TRIAL STAGE**

Process
How do I appeal?
How do I get more time to pay the fine?
How much money do I owe?
Where can I pay the fine?
How do I get MEP?
When do I get my Order?
How soon will I get my money?
How do I enforce an Order?

Legal Advice
How can I change the Order?
How do I appeal?
What happened in court?
What does no contact mean?
How soon will I get my money?
How do I change my conditions?